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Welfare to appoint more Harijans as trustees in temples to facilitate the abolition of untouchability. This is what I have stated in my original answer itself.''

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—'' The Hon. Minister for Finance while intervening said that a member of the Harijan Community was in charge of the portfolio of ' Harijan Welfare '. May I point out to him that simply because a Harijan is in charge of this portfolio and is a Cabinet Minister, he cannot sclve the problem? The question is why Government have delayed the matter so long in coming to a decision for appointing Harijans as trustees and servants in our temples.''

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' As the Hon. the Finance Minister observed, Harijans have already been appointed as trustees for the last six or seven years. The question of appointing more Harijans as trustees and menials such as cooks in the temples is under the considera-tion of Government.''

Extension of the provisions of the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act and the Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection Act to all municipalities.

* 523 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at the Fourth Annual Conference of the Chamber of Municipal Chairmen on 8th February 1954 at Madras urging the Government for the extension of the provisions of the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954, and the Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection Act to all municipali-ties; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

'' (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

'' (*b*) Does not arise.''

SRI A. RATNAM :—'' Madras Slum Improvement Act இந்திய ஜனாதிபதியின் அங்கீகாரம் பெற்றுவிட்டதா ? கவர்னர் அவர்கள் சொல்லிய பிரகாரம் அதிற்கண்டபடி நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள சர்க்கார் முன் வந்திருக்கிறதா என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' நீங்கள் கேள்வி ஒன்று கேட்கிறீர்கள். உப கேள்வி ஒன்று போடுகிறீர்கள். உங்கள் பிரதானக் கேள்வியையே படித்து பாருங்கள். எப்படி இந்த உப கேள்வி அதன் கீழ் வரும் ? the hon. Member may give notice of a separate question.''

Assignment of house-sites to Harijans in Mannargudi taluk.

* 524 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any applications from the Harijans of Perugavalandhan, Mannargudi taluk, for the assignment of house-sites to them ; and